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- 1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) THAT USG WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WORDING PF PARA 5 OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) DURING FORTHCOMING TALKS. MFA REP INDICATED DESIRE TO HARMONIZE WORDING, BUT NOTED CIVILAVIA COULD NOT ACCEPT PRESENT US TEXT.
- 2. BASED ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA AND CIVILAVIA PERSONNEL, EMBASSY CERTAIN GOI WILL INISIST ON FILING OF ALL SCHEDULES, NOT JUST THOSE PROVIDING FOR CAPACITY INCREASE. CIVILAVIA SAYS INFO RE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES ESSENTIAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. CIVILAVIA MAINTAINS THAT WHETHER PROPOSED CAPACITY IS "EXCESSIVE" DEPENDS ON ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS, WHICH MAY FLUCTUATE WIDELY, RATHER THAN LAST SEASON'S CAPACITY WHICH IS ONLY ONE FACTOR IN ANALYSIS.
- 3. IF USG WILLING ACCEPT CIVILAVIA CONCEPT IN PARA 5(A) OF MOU, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS OUTSIDE CHANCE CIVILAVIA MIGHT SHIFT ITS POSITION ON PARA 5 (B) AND (D). EMBASSY ANTICIPATES HARD BARGAINING IN ANY CASE. US CASE WILL BE STRENGTHENED IF ALL OTHER US BILATERALS BASED ON CAPACITY INCREASE CONCEPT. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT DETERMINE WHETHER GOI HAS CONSISTENTLY ADHERED TO ANTICILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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